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Executive Engineer reported that the site was unsuitable for an adequate reservoir and also that the construction of an anicut for direct irrigation would not be feasible as there was no perennial supply in the river.

Protection by Government of certain lands within the reaches of flood in the river Kolladam.

* 141 Q.—MR. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have taken steps to purchase about 40 houses and 30 acres of nanja and punja lands in Abagara Elathur village, Tanjore district, which are within the reaches of flood in the river Kolladam;

(b) if not, whether they have taken necessary steps to build a bund to protect the people and their lands; and

(c) if not, whether any other remedy is under the contemplation of the Government?

A.—The answer is in the negative.

MR. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR: "Sir, am I then to understand that the Government are not willing to protect the people of these villages?"

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—"As will appear from the notification in the Gazette, dated 28th October 1924, proposals are already on foot for acquiring land required for the formation of a new flood bank."

Major and minor irrigation works in the Ceded districts.

* 142 Q.—MR. G. RAMESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to ascertain and state—

(a) the number of minor and major irrigation works in each of the Ceded districts—

(1) in charge of the Public Works Department;

(2) in charge of the Revenue Department;

(b) the expenditure incurred on them in 1923-24 for repairs;

(c) the amount allotted for each of the districts for 1924-25 and 1925-26 for their repairs; and

(d) the number of such works under each category in each of the said districts, which are in need of repairs and for which no provision is made and the probable amount required for the purpose?

A.—(a) to (c) A statement showing the particulars asked for as far as available is furnished.^a

(d) The information is not available.

MR. G. RAMESWARA RAO:—"With reference to clause (d), may I ask the hon. the Law Member to collect the information and place it before the Irrigation Committee before the Committee closes its business?"